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and will use to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including the comprehensive planning requirements.

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Subpart E—Consortia; Contents of Consolidated Plan

§91.400 Applicability.

This subpart applies to HOME program consortia, as defined in §91.5 (see 24 CFR part 92). Units of local government that participate in a consortium must participate in submission of a consolidated plan for the consortium, prepared in accordance with this subpart. CDBG entitlement communities that are members of a consortium must provide additional information for the consolidated plan, as described in this subpart.

§91.401 Citizen participation plan.

The consortium must have a citizen participation plan that complies with the requirements of §91.105. If the consortium contains one or more CDBG entitlement communities, the consortium's citizen participation plan must provide for citizen participation within each CDBG entitlement community, either by the consortium or by the CDBG entitlement community, in a manner sufficient for the CDBG entitlement community to certify that it is following a citizen participation plan.

§91.402 Consolidated program year.

(a) *Same program year for consortia members.* All units of general local government that are members of a consortium must be on the same program year for CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA. The program year shall run for a twelve month period and begin on the first calendar day of a month.

(b) *Transition period.* (1) A consortium in existence on February 6, 1995, with all members having aligned program years must comply with paragraph (a) of this section. A consortium in existence on February 6, 1995, in which all members do not have aligned program

years will be allowed a transition period during the balance of its current consortium agreement to bring the program year for all members into alignment.

(2) During any such transition period, the lead agency (if it is a CDBG entitlement community) must submit, as its consolidated plan, a plan that complies with this subpart for the consortium, plus its nonhousing Community Development Plan (in accordance with §91.215). All other CDBG entitlement communities in the consortium may submit their respective nonhousing Community Development Plans (§91.215(e)), an Action Plan (§91.220) and the certifications (§91.425(a) and (b)) in accordance with their individual program years.

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§91.405 Housing and homeless needs assessment.

Housing and homeless needs must be described in the consolidated plan in accordance with the provisions of §91.205 for the entire consortium. In addition to describing these needs for the entire consortium, the consolidated plan may also describe these needs for individual communities that are members of the consortium.

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§91.410 Housing market analysis.

Housing market analysis must be described in the consolidated plan in accordance with the provisions of §91.210 for the entire consortium. In addition to describing market conditions for the entire consortium, the consolidated plan may also describe these conditions for individual communities that are members of the consortium.

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§91.415 Strategic plan.

Strategies and priority needs must be described in the consolidated plan in accordance with the provisions of §91.215 for the entire consortium. The consortium is not required to submit a

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nonhousing Community Development Plan; however, if the consortium includes CDBG entitlement communities, the consolidated plan must include the nonhousing Community Development Plans of the CDBG entitlement community members of the consortium. The consortium must set forth its priorities for allocating housing (including CDBG and ESG, where applicable) resources geographically within the consortium, describing how the consolidated plan will address the needs identified (in accordance with § 91.405), describing the reasons for the consortium's allocation priorities, and identifying any obstacles there are to addressing underserved needs.

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§ 91.420 Action plan.

(a) *Form application.* The action plan for the consortium must include a Standard Form 424 for the consortium for the HOME program. Each entitlement jurisdiction also must submit a Standard Form 424 for its funding under the CDBG program and, if applicable, the ESG and HOPWA programs.

(b) *Description of resources and activities.* The action plan must describe the resources to be used and activities to be undertaken to pursue its strategic plan. The consolidated plan must provide this description for all resources and activities within the entire consortium as a whole, as well as a description for each individual community that is a member of the consortium.

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§ 91.425 Certifications.

(a) *Consortium certifications*—(1) *General*—(i) *Affirmatively furthering fair housing.* Each consortium must certify that it will affirmatively further fair housing, which means that it will conduct an analysis to identify impediments to fair housing choice within the area, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting the analysis and actions in this regard.

(ii) *Anti-displacement and relocation plan.* Each consortium must certify

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that it has in effect and is following a residential antidisplacement and relocation assistance plan in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the HOME or CDBG program.

(iii) *Drug-free workplace.* The consortium must submit a certification with regard to drug-free workplace required by 24 CFR part 24, subpart F.

(iv) *Anti-lobbying.* The consortium must submit a certification with regard to compliance with restrictions on lobbying required by 24 CFR part 87, together with disclosure forms, if required by that part.

(v) *Authority of consortium.* The consortium must submit a certification that the consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and that the consortium possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

(vi) *Consistency with plan.* The consortium must certify that the housing activities to be undertaken with CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds are consistent with the strategic plan.

(vii) *Acquisition and relocation.* The consortium must certify that it will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4601), and implementing regulations at 49 CFR part 24.

(viii) *Section 3.* The consortium must certify that it will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u), and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 135.

(2) *HOME program.* The consortium must provide the following certifications:

(i) If it plans to use HOME funds for tenant-based rental assistance, a certification that rental-based assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan;

(ii) That it is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in §§ 92.205 through 92.209 of this subtitle and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in § 92.214 of this subtitle; and